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SUBJECT: Tractor production in Ukrainian SSR

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1. Tractor production in the Ukrainian SSR in the first half of 1958, as reported in Pravda Ukrainy, 30 July 1958, p. 1., amounted to 41,500 units, of which 29,700 were row-crop tractors. This represents an increase of 12 percent over the first half year figures of 1957 for tractors, and 16 percent more row-crop tractors than in the comparable period of 1957. The 11,800 non-row-crop tractors produced in the first half of 1958 are DT-54 tractors made at the Kharkov Tractor Plant. Of the row-crop tractors at least 10,000 and possibly 12,000 are DT-14 tractors made at the same plant. 1957 production of DT-14 tractors has been estimated at 20,000.

2. Of the remaining 17,700 to 19,700 row-crop tractors made in the Ukraine in the first half of 1958, some were DSSh-14 and DVSSh-16, self-propelled chassis, made at the Kharkov Tractor Assembly Plant. Information is scanty on the rate of production and the plant capacity of the Tractor Assembly Plant, but it is estimated, on the basis of information presented in CIA/RM 126, that half yearly production at this plant did not exceed 5,000 units. This leaves a residual of 12,700 to 14,700 row-crop tractors produced in the Ukrainian SSR in the first half of 1958. It is apparent that these are "Belarus" tractors, made at Dnepropetrovsk and that production of tractors at the Dnepropetrovsk plant is continuing at approximately the same rate as in 1956 and 1957.

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